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PRESIDENT: Senator Simon, oh his light is off. Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President. I talked to a number of people today and one of my concerns is that the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee of which I am the vice chairman, has not quite decided how we are going to deal with this new proposal. Now, we had previously put forth a recommendation that we study the situation and come back with either some regulations or with legislation to totally eliminate the runner services which are basically Pegasus of Omaha. At this point I am going to have to oppose the Savage amendment and basically because our committee has not had a chance to discuss it, to talk about it, to decide just exactly whether we want to go through that study or whether we will take this sort of solution. I think that we need that time, and I think that, or hope that the principal sponsor of this proposal and this solution might wait and give us some to analyze what exactly what the committee thinks of this sort of a solution. That is my only comment. Otherwise, I have to oppose it and I hope that others would. We may not after tomorrow or when we get a chance to talk about it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and Senator Savage, I will also have to oppose returning the bill. I think that the issue should be studied and that is all that I will say on the matter that I have to oppose it being returned.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair recognizes Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, I have a question of Senator Savage. Senator Savage, could you give me and the members of the Legislature just a very brief over view of 273 that is on Final Reading and what it does contain differing from your amendments. Could you give us a brief over view of the differences, Senator Savage.

SENATOR SAVAGE: LB 273 would have the Devaney Sports Complex, the naming of the new Nebraska Sports Complex...the amendment would strike the title.

SENATOR MILLS: Senator Savage then, what I am trying to get at, the amendment that you are offering is related to a bill that is on General File but you are striking 273 on Final Reading, so could you give me a brief over view then. I'm just trying to get it in the record you are striking a bill on Final Reading but the bill it really pertains to is on General File, could you give us a brief over view of the difference of that, this amendment and the bill that is on General File, whatever its number is.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Well the bill was on General File would eliminate the Pegasus whatever that racing service was called and there was an agreement made earlier when only one or two of these betting organizations cropped up. The racing commission, the Douglas County Attorney and the City Attorney of Omaha have all asked for help because there is a half a dozen of these starting up or opening up after the agreement was made. After the announcement was made that there would be a study committee